

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Northern Region



The Northern Region is made up of the North Slope and Northwest Arctic boroughs and the Nome Census Area.

- ◆ The estimated population for 2008 was 23,612, a loss of about 177 since the 2000 Census.
- ◆ About 71 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ◆ Local Government was the main industry in 2008, employing 44 percent of the area's workers.
- ◆ More workers were employed as Construction Laborers than any other occupation.

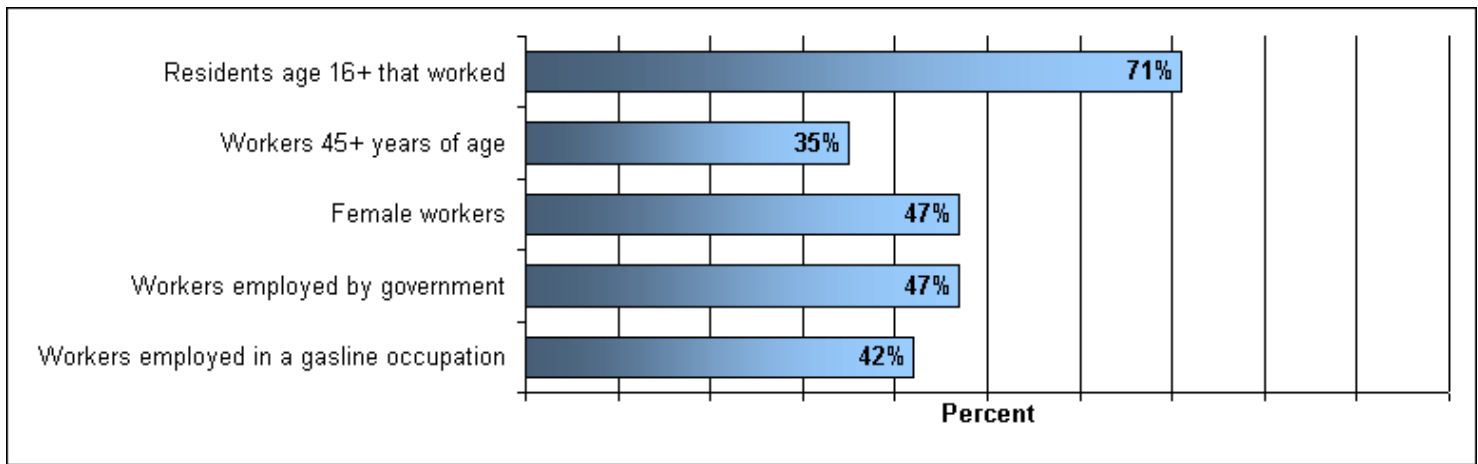
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Northern Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	15,260	Total wages	\$314,282,407
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	10,802	Private	5,732
Male	5,676	State government	341
Female	5,121	Local government	4,729
Age 45+	3,779	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	2,578	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	9,160
		Percent working all 4 quarters	56.2%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	1,884	Some construction	2,478
		At least 1 year construction	873
		At least 2 years construction	375
New Hires		Worked in an AGIA occupation	8,956
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2008 Residents

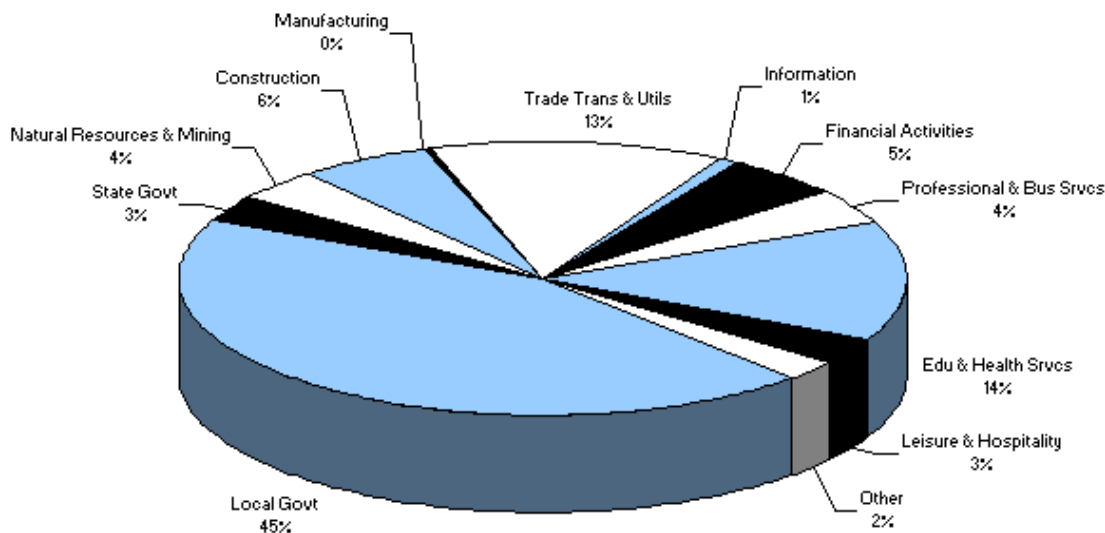


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	533	12.2%	118	68
Teacher Assistants	441	82.8%	186	134
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	436	22.9%	124	87
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	323	82.4%	100	56
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	314	10.5%	91	55
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General AGIA	247	9.8%	110	73
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education HOT JOB	242	70.5%	113	74
Cashiers	236	82.2%	22	14
Office Clerks, General AGIA	232	77.6%	53	33
Retail Salespersons	226	53.1%	36	26
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	195	88.2%	61	37
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers AGIA	185	17.8%	34	18
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	180	67.8%	60	41
Gaming and Sports Book Writers and Runners	173	59.5%	59	45
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	159	6.3%	72	43
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	158	91.1%	53	31
Carpenters AGIA HOT JOB	152	2.6%	80	56
Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria AGIA	135	74.8%	66	51
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	131	36.6%	19	6
Water and Liquid Waste Treatment Plant and System Operators HOT JOB	130	6.2%	35	22

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	408	17.9%	85	54
Construction	644	18.2%	213	135
Manufacturing	27	37.0%	5	2
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,407	37.1%	357	224
Information	103	29.1%	42	28
Financial Activities	555	38.4%	205	151
Professional and Business Services	458	50.3%	152	99
Educational and Health Services	1,510	70.5%	539	377
Leisure and Hospitality	343	52.2%	105	75
State Government	341	54.8%	155	104
Local Government	4,729	49.4%	1,843	1,276
Other	268	57.5%	77	53

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Recent Unemployment Statistics

	03/2009	04/2009	05/2009	06/2009
UI Claimants**	1,037	1,087	1,077	1,003
Unemployment Rate (Not seasonally adjusted)	9.8%	9.6%	9.9%	10.6%

**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

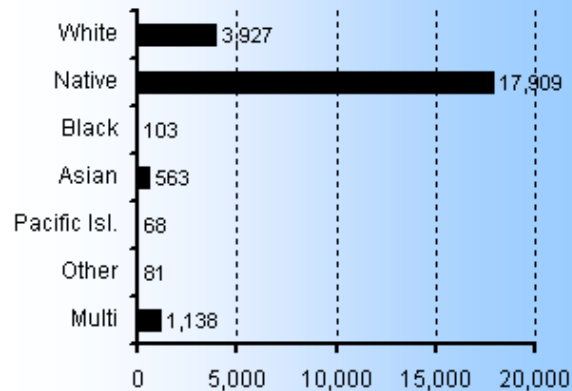
N Slope Borough
Maniilaq Association Inc
Bering Strait School Dist
Northwest Arctic Borough School
Norton Sound Health Corp
North Slope Borough School
State of AK (excludes U of A)
AK Commercial Co
Kawerak Inc
Harpoon Construction Group Inc

Population over Time



2000 Census

Population by Race



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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